



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

January 05, 2000

Mr. L. Thomas Divilio  
Ethicon, Inc.  
A Johnson & Johnson Company  
P. O. Box 151  
Somerville, New Jersey 08876-0151

Dear Mr. Divilio:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to reclassify absorbable polydioxanone surgical sutures to class II was received by our office on 12/28/99. It was assigned docket number 99P-5589/CCP 1 and it was filed on 01/05/00. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyle D. Jaffe", is written over the typed name.

Lyle D. Jaffe  
Dockets Management Branch

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